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1. The Chinese Nationalists have approached WU Kuan-ch'i (伍 觀 琪) and General LI Fu-lin with proposals that they maintain order in Canton during the take-over period. The Nationalists have proposed to WU that he act in a role similar to that which he played when his self-defense corps kept order in Canton during the interim period before the arrival of the Japanese. His troops later held up the Japanese advance for 12 days allowing the Chinese to retreat and prepare defensive positions at Ch'üchiang (113-33, 24-50). WU stated that he could repeat the performance if the Nationalists would permit him to move 4,000 men into Canton immediately for training purposes. The Nationalists have not agreed to WU's counter proposal.

2. The Chinese Communists have also approached WU and LI with a proposal that during the take-over period LI should be in charge of maintaining order in the south and east sections of Canton while WU should be in charge of the north and west sections.

4. WU, now in his sixties, is also an influential local figure. He participated in the 1911 Revolution and has held various political and military posts, including that of chief of organization and training under LI Chi-shen when LI was at the height of his power in South China. WU has held no official position since the late 1920's although he is now serving as chairman of the hsien legislative assembly. He has devoted himself mainly to local welfare and self-defense work and is the real leader in an area of approximately 40 square miles surrounding his home in Chiangts'un (113-14, 23-17). WU is a loyal follower of LI Chi-shen and apparently will not resist the Communists at this time although the Communists may find him a source of future trouble.

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